Banarasi sarees industry facing threat from Chinese silk

1078. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Banarasi sarees industry in Varanasi is facing a threat from the Chinese silk industry and that many looms are facing a shut down;

(b) if so, the present status thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to step into help the industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes sir. The inflow of cheap Chinese silk in the Indian markets has affected the local weavers and the Varanasi Saree industry a lot.

(c) and (d) Government of India has been implementing schemes for development of Handloom Sector and welfare of handloom weavers and enhance the income and socio-economic status of the weavers by up grading their skill and providing infrastructural input and marketing support. During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the following schemes have been formulated for upliftment of Handloom Sector:

(i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme

(ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme

(iii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

(iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme, and

(v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme

Under the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme the Government of India is implementing the cluster development programme under which twenty four clusters were sanctioned to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh upto 20.10.2008.

In order to enable the prices of products of Handloom weavers to be remunerative in view of the competition posed by globalization, the Government of India has been imparting assistance to eligible Handloom agencies under schemes like Mill Gate Price Scheme, Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan yojana and 10% Rebate Scheme etc.

Setting up of SPVs for integrated textile parks in Orissa

1079. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Small Scale Industries unit in Orissa proposes to set up Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) for integrated textile parks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a proposal in the matter sent by the State Government has since been approved/cleared by the Centre;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of central assistance that would be given to the State Government for infrastructure development facilities under this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) M/s Orissa Knit Complex Private Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed by a group of entrepreneurs, had submitted a proposal to develop a textiles park in Orissa. Apart from common infrastructure and facilities such as 'Storage and distribution network for supplying water', 'Sewerage Treatment Plant', 'Effluent Treatment Plant', 'Electrical Distribution', etc., the project envisaged 32 factory buildings for 'garmenting', 'knitting', 'Printing', 'Embroidery', 'Precessing' and 'Packaging'. Estimated project cost and investment were Rs.49.55 Crore and Rs.69.25 Crore respectively.

(c) to (e) The project proposal was considered by the Project Approval Committee (PAC) in its meeting held on 16.05.2008 but was not approved as the project did not comply with the criteria of investment *vis a vis* number of entrepreneurs.

Promotion of handloom and handicraft sector in Nagaland

1080. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy being implemented by Government in the State of Nagaland for the development of handloom and handicraft sector;

(b) whether any special policy has been taken up for development of these sectors in North Eastern region in general and Nagaland in particular; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The schemes of Handloom and Handicraft Sector are meant for development of the concerned sector in the country as a whole. The office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms in the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India has been implementing various schemes for Development of Handloom Sector and Welfare of handloom weavers and to enhance their income and socio-econmic status of the weavers by upgrading their skill, providing infrastructural input and marketing support throughout the country including Nagaland During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the following schemes are being implemented for upliftment of Handloom Sector:

(i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme

(ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme

(iii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

(iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme

(v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme